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By Mr. Donato of Medford, petition of Paul J. Donato relative to establishing a task force within the Department of Education to examine hygienic procedures pertaining to band instruments.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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### **AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXAMINE HYGIENIC PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO BAND INSTRUMENTS.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1       (a) The department of education shall establish a task force to
- 2       examine hygienic procedures pertaining to band instruments. The
- 3       task force shall examine policies to prevent the spread of conta-
- 4       gious diseases such as Tuberculosis.
- 5       (b) The department shall determine the membership of the task
- 6       force. The task force shall consult with individuals and groups
- 7       concerned with such issues, which may include, but not be limited
- 8       to, representatives from the Massachusetts Teacher's Association,
- 9       representatives of patient and consumer organizations, band
- 10      equipment manufacturers, medical organizations, and school
- 11      nurse organizations. Members of the task force shall serve without
- 12      reimbursement. The department shall appoint a chair of the task
- 13      force.
- 14      (c) The task force shall report its findings and any recommen-
- 15      dations for legislation to the joint committee on public health on
- 16      or before August 1, 2008.